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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NATO SPOKESMAN STATEMENT FOR MAY 7 NATO-SALT CONSULTATIONS

REF: USNATO A-170 OF NOVEMBER 26, 1973

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUSLY AGREED FORMULA (REF) MISSION HEREWITH FORWARDS FOR DEPARTMENT AND USDEL APPROVAL DRAFT TEXT OF PRESS STATEMENT WHICH WOULD BE ISSUED BY NATO SPEKESMAN FOLLOWING MAY 7 CONSULTATIONS. STATEMENT WOULD OF COURSE ALSO BE SUBMITTED TO NAC AT CLOSE OF SALT CONSULTATION FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO ISSUANCE BY SPOKESMAN. TEXT IS IDENTICAL TO THAT USED AFTER LAST PREVIOUS CONSULTATION FEBRUARY 24, 1975, WITH APPROPRIATE UPDATES OF NAMES, DATES, ETC.

2. BEGIN TEXT: A REGULAR CONSULTATION ON THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS, WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE CONDUCTING IN GENEVA, WAS HELD TODAY BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL IN BRUSSELS. AMBASSADOR U. ALEXIS HOHNSON, HEAD OF THE US SALT DELEGATION, PARTICIPATED IN THIS CONSULTATION, WHICH WAS THE 25TH MEETING BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND THE HEAD OF THE US SALT DELEGATION OR HIS DEPUTY SINCE THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS BEGAN IN NOVEMBER 1969. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE US
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DELEGATION ACCOMPANYING AMBASSADOR JOHNSON WERE LT GENERAL EDWARD L. ROWNY, MR. RALPH EARLE II, AND MR. THOMAS GRAHAM. AMBASSADOR JOHNSON BRIEFED THE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS SINCE HIS LAST MEETING WITH THE COUNCIL

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ON FEBRUARY 24, 1975. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND AMBASSADOR JOHNSON THEN HAS A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS REGARDING THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING A DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE. THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE EXPRESSED THEIR CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS, THEIR APPRECIATION FOR AMBASSADOR JOHNSON'S PRESENTATION, AND THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH REGULAR CONSULTATIONS WILL BE CONTINUED. THE US DELEGATION TO NATO WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP THE COUNCIL INFORMED ON ANY DEVELOPMENT OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE THAT MAY ARISE BETWEEN REGULAR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE US SALT DELEGATION. END TEXT.

3. ACTION REQUIRED: DEPARTMENT AND USDEL APPROVAL OF DRAFT TEXT BY OB MAY 7.
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